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SUBJECT: CONTROLS ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: LETTER OF
INQUIRY FROM SECRETARIAT

REF: (A) PARIS 7809; (B) STATE 289920 (1977)

FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE REQUESTED BY MISSION IN RESPONDING
TO BECKLER LETTER QUOTED REF A IN FULL.

(1) DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS IN
ARA 1A AND 1B OF REFTTEL AND REQUESTS THESE POINTS BE
MADE IN RESPONSE TO BECKLER.

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(2) BEYOND THIS, U.S. IS PREPARED ;O ENGAGE IN EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION ON POLICIES OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS THAT ARE
RELEVANT TO CURRENT EXAMINATIONS IN CSTP ON (A) CODE OF
CONDUCT AND (B) OTHER ASPECTS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS THAT
DO NOT RELATE TO STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROLS.

(3) SUCH EXCHANGES, IF CONDUCTED IN EXISTING BODIES AND

FOCUSSED ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS, COULD BE

USEFUL ADDITION TO DISCUSSION. IF SUCH DISCUSSION POINTED IN DIRECTION OF INVOLVEMENT IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY ISSUES OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS, WE WOULD CONSIDER OECD AN APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR THIS PURPOSE.

(4) WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT EXAMINATION OF INTRA-OECD OR WEST-EAST TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS WOULD BE USEFUL, AND SUPPORT PROPOSAL OF SECRETARIAT PRESENTED BEFORE RECENT CSTP TO INCLUDE SUCH PROJECT IN NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMME OF WORK.

DEPARTMENT OFFERS FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR INFORMATION OF MISSION. (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(5) AT MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON EAST-WEST TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT OECD JAN. 31-FEB. 1, USDEL STRONGLY SUPPORTED CONSENSUS OPPOSING TREATMENT OF STRATEGIC ISSUES IN SECRETARIAT REPORT UNDER WAY. IN OCTOBER, EXPERTS GROUP MADE SAME RECOMMENDATION. THUS VIRTUALLY NO MEMBER OR EXPERT SUPPORT EXISTS SO FAR FOR BECKLER'S PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT OECD ON REINFORCEMENT OR RELAXATION OF CONTROLS FOR STRATEGIC PURPOSES.

(6) THE RELATION OF EAST-WEST TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHOLE POLICY TOWARD DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS UNDER STUDY (REF B). WE ARE ALSO REVIEWING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN PRM-33 AND IN OUR PLANNING FOR THE 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT. OUR CONFERENCE PLANS WILL BE SHARED IN APPROPRIATE OECD COMMITTEES.

(7) THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ISSUED IN AUGUST A PUBLIC INTERIM POLICY STATEMENT ON ITS VIEW OF EXPORT CONTROL OF US TECHNOLOGY. THIS STATEMENT RESULTED IN PART FROM A REPORT OF THE DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD TASK FORCE ON EXPORT OF US TECHNOLOGY ENTITLED, "AN ANALYSIS OF EXPORT CONTROL OF US TECHNOLOGY: A DOD PERSPECTIVE," (BUCY REPORT) DATED FEBRUARY 4, 1976. STILL IN THE PROCESS OF REVISION, THE STATEMENT REPRESENTS NEITHER A FINAL DOD POSITION NOR A POLICY COORDINATED WITHIN THE USG. THE STATEMENT WOULD AIM AT PROTECTING US LEAD TIME BY CONTROL OF EXPORTS OF DEFENSE-RELATED "CRITICAL" TECHNOLOGIES RATHER THAN END PRODUCTS. THE LIST OF "CRITICAL" TECHNOLOGIES IS STILL BEING PREPARED AND THERE IS LITTLE AGREEMENT ON THE CRITERIA FOR LISTING OR THE ITEMS ON THE LIST. BECAUSE OF THE INTERIM AND UNREPRESENTATIVE STATUS OF THE STATEMENT, AS WELL AS ITS FOCUS ON STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY,

IT WOULD MAKE LITTLE SENSE TO US TO HAVE IT OR ANY
SIMILAR PAPER DISCUSSED AT OECD. MISSION NO DOUBT HAS
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